GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Shortage of Helicopters
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of helicopters in India's Naval Destroyers, frigates and corvettes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the existing number of helicopters available with the Navy; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the shortage of helicopters in the Navy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a)to(c): Capital procurement requirements of the defence forces are reflected in the 15 year Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP). The procurement process is based on LTIPP (2012-2027), five year Services Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) (2012-2017) and Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP) (2014-2016).

Mismatch between requirement and availability of helicopters with the Navy sometimes occur which is continuously addressed by the ongoing procurement process. Further, Government constantly reviews the security scenario and accordingly decides to upgrade / procure helicopters, in accordance with the approved plan of Navy.

At present two cases of upgrade / procurement of helicopters for the Navy are at different stages of the procurement cycle.

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